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SUBJECT: FLIGHT OF PORTUGUESE FROM ANGOLA

1. THE RECURRING AND INTENSIFYING WAVES OF VIOLENCE THAT ARE ACCOMPANYING ANGOLA'S LURCHING PROGRESS TOWARD FULL INDEPENDENCE ON NOV 11, 1975, HAVE ALREADY CAUSED THE EXODUS OF AT LEAST 80,000 WHITES FROM ANGOLA. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 220,000 WHITES STILL HERE, THE URBAN BATTLES OF LATE APRIL BROUGHT A MARKED UP TIC IN THE DEPARTURE RATE. FLIGHTS AND SHIP SAILINGS TO LISBON ARE BOOK SOLID FOR MONTHS AND EVEN THE MORE EXPENSIVE INDIRECT AIR ROUTE VIA RIO DE JANEIRO IS OVERBOOKED UNTIL LATE JULY.

2. UNLIKE THE EARLIER DEPARTEES, THOSE LEAVING NOW APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN UP ON ANGOLA AND ARE UNLIKELY TO RETURN HERE. UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGH IN PORTUGAL AND EX-COLONISTS OFTEN ENCOUNTER HOSTILITY FROM THEIR SUDDENLY ENLIGHTENED BRETHREN IN THE METROPOLE. THEREFORE MANY PORTUGUESE DON'T PLAN TO RETURN TO PORTUGAL. SOUTH AFRICA IS STRICT WITH ITS VISA/IMMIGRATION POLICIES, ACCEPTING THE MOST ABLE WHITES ONLY. BRAZIL IS AN AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH NOT VERY POPULAR, ALTERNATIVE.

3. MANY PORTUGUESE (PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE AZORES AND THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS) HAVE FAMILY IN THE U.S. AND LATELY THERE IS AN INCREASED NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE FROM ANGOLA WHO ARE REQUESTING A CHANGE IN STATUS WHILE IN THE U.S. ON B-2 VISAS. TO COUNTER THIS WE HAVE STIFFENED OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN NIV, PUTTING A MUCH GREATER BURDEN ON ANGOLAN PORTUGUESE TO PROVE THEY WILL RETURN TO AN ABODE OUTSIDE THE U.S. MANY PORTUGUESE ANGOLANS UNABLE TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS WILL FLEE ANGOLA AND APPLY ELSEWHERE FOR NIV. WE CAUTION ADDRESSEE POSTS TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WITH VISA REQUESTS FROM THESE PERSONS, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE NOT BONEFIDE NIV APPLICANTS. PORTUGUESE ANGOLANS CARRY A PORTUGUESE PASSPORT BUT IN MOST CASES IT WILL HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN ANGOLA AND THIS IS INDICATED ON THE CENTER OF PAGE 1.
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